

REMARKSThe Rejection Under 35 USC § 102(b)

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 1, 4, and 5 under 35 USC § 102(b) as anticipated by Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-255782.

This application is the national stage of International Application No. PCT/JP2003/010948, filed August 28, 2003, which draws priority from JP 2002-255782, filed August 30, 2002. (See attached copy of the Filing Receipt.) As such, JP 2002-255782 is the priority document for this application. Applicant believes that this rejection over the priority document is improper, and respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

The Rejection Under 35 USC § 103(a)

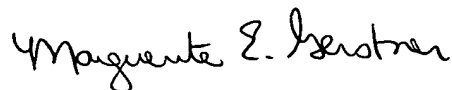
Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 2 and 3 under 35 USC § 103(a) as unpatentable over Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-255782.

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Conclusion

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action at an early date is earnestly requested. If, however, there are any outstanding issues which can be usefully discussed by telephone, the Examiner is asked to call the undersigned.

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